

**WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor                      Chairman  
 Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter                      P.C.Chairman  
 Councillor Helen Cleaver  
 Councillor S.Peters  
 Councillor Mrs.S.Stewart  
 Councillor L.Turner  
 Councillor K.Yates  
 Miss P. Harrison                      Executive Officer

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and approved from Cllr.Mrs.Hession and Cllr.Mrs.Kingston.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/OTHER INTERESTS:**  
None.
3. **SERVICES:**
  - 3.1 **Roads/verges:**
    - (a) **Commemorative Bench:**  
Request to install a bench in memory of someone's Grandmother in Wythall – agreed to suggest approach the Community Association as the Parish Council does not install roadside benches.  
  
**ACTION:** As above.
    - (b) **Meadow Road:**  
A complaint had been dealt with regarding parking on verges close to Meadow Green School. WCC's view was that the verge would recover as the damage was slight.
    - (c) **WCC - Closure of Crabmill Lane:**  
In order to repair a BT line the road will be closed for five days commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.
    - (d) **Station Road/106 monies:**  
EO reported ongoing correspondence between County Cllr.Hotham and a resident of Station Road regarding where the money allocated has gone.
    - (e) **Beaudesert Road:**  
EO reported correspondence from Hollywood Medical Practice relating to lack of gritting and ongoing parking problems emanating from the Schools. The matter had been passed to County Cllr.Kent.

Pending/Ongoing:

- (a) A435 Cats eyes:  
County Cllr.Hotham and reported that surveys are conducted as regards cats eyes and their replacement by their Highways Contractor Ringway. It now looked as though missing ones would be reinstated or replaced with new.
- (b) May Lane/Disabled Parking:  
Confirmation now to hand that the Order had been approved.

3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New: Nothing to report.

Pending:

- (a) New Lights, Tilehouse Lane:  
The order had been placed – commence date awaited.
- (b) Column 391 Houndsfield Lane (lower):  
Western Power had provided a price for removing services as agreed at Full Council but price awaited from Prysmian for removal of column.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**

A request was discussed for the Lengthsmen to receive an increase in the hourly rate they receive and it was agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that this be increased from £11 per hour to £14 per hour (since being appointed Lengthsmen for the Parish they have been receiving £11).

**ACTION:** Take to Finance Committee.

5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

- (a) Nothing to report.

6. **TREES & BULBS:**Trees:Gorsey Lotts:

Still awaiting BDC's decision as regards work deemed necessary on trees as identified with TPO's on them.

7. **CEMETERY:**

- (a) Revision of Fees:  
The Meeting of the Working Party to be reconvened/previous one cancelled due to snow.
- (b) Cemetery Folders:  
It was agreed to recommend to Full Council a further supply of the folders sent out with Deeds etc. be purchased from Lonsdale Direct Solutions – 250 @ £474 plus VAT. (last purchase was in December 2013)(Code 171).

**ACTION:** Discuss at Full Council.

8. **ALLOTMENTS:**(a) **Use of Plot for less agile persons:**

The Association had queried whether it would be possible for one of the plots to be designated for use by ploholders who, through health reasons, have had to give up their plot but miss the company and “banter” at the site. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that this request be granted but for a twelve month trial period only.

**ACTION:** Discuss at Full Council.

(b) **Report on Meeting held at 7pm with representatives of the Association prior to the Committee Meeting:**

The Association were still aiming to install a defibrillator on the Storage Unit, possibly with the help of a Grant from Awards for All. This Application would, of course, have to be completed by the Parish Council as Landowners. It was agreed that, because this would be behind a locked gate it would not be available for local residents to use and, therefore, would be only used by Allotment members.

A suggestion was made that a defibrillator could possibly be considered by Kingswood Chapel which would benefit local members of the community and not be inaccessible at certain times.

(c) **Woodland Trust:**

The EO had obtained details of some hedging plants that could be obtained for possibly filling in the Allotment boundary hedges under a Grant Scheme and it was agreed the EO should further these investigations.

**ACTION:** The EO to continue with investigating the above and, possibly, applying on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. **STREET FURNITURE:**(a) **Notice Boards:**

**Simms Lane:** It was agreed to seek a Licence from WCC to install a new board on the land fronting the One Shop at Drakes Cross and place an order with Swiftwell Environmental Ltd for the supply and fix of a replacement board.

**ACTION:** Discuss at Full Council.

(b) **Bus Shelters/Roadside seats:** Nothing to report.(c) **Roadside Planters:**

Nothing to report.

- (d) Grit Bins:  
Selsdon Close: County Council would not install a bin but County Cllr..Hotham would fund a bin if the Parish Council would keep it filled. It was agreed to take this to Full Council.

**ACTION:** Discuss at Full Council.

- (e) Houndsfield Lane(Lower):  
 At the last Council Meeting a resident had asked whether the grit bin that used to be in situ could be replaced as vehicles were sliding down into the River when extreme ice conditions prevailed. It was not considered that a bin in this location would remain there very long.+

10. **TRANSPORT(Buses/Trains):**

- (a) Buses:  
 150 timetable changes on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- (b) Trains:  
 Cllr.Turner reported that there was a plan to increase the frequency of vintage trains passing through Wythall from Birmingham.  
 The Shakespeare Line Promotion Group was very much aware as to the large number of houses planned for local areas.

11. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Nothing to report.

12. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**  
 A Meeting had yet to be arranged with Cllr.Cypher of Alvechurch Parish council.

**ACTION:** The EO to arrange a meeting.

13. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:** None.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.31 p.m.